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Hop, skip, and a jump
The Wilberforce Legion opened their doors on Saturday, April 26 to host the Soc Hop dance, featuring music from the 1950s and 1960s, and prizes for best costumes. For more photos, see inside this edition. /TIM YANO staff photographer

County gets the wheels moving on public transit

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is seeking proposals for an operator to run an on-demand public transit service.

Council heard during its April 23 meeting that staff is recommending another request for proposals be issued for a demand responsive transit service that would service the geographic area around Minden and Haliburton.

Scott Ovell, the county's economic development and tourism director, said it represents an expanded service area than what was considered in a March 2024 RFP.

The county currently has $182,601 in a Transit Reserve to support such a service. And a funding plan could be provided to council as part of the 2026 budget.

Ovell said staff issued a RFP last year for a fixed route transit service between Minden and Haliburton. A single

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Visit website for election results

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Due to the allocated press time for the *Haliburton Echo*, official election results from the 2025 federal election will not be available in this edition. Please visit www.haliburtonecho.ca for the full story once the results are made official, or pick up a copy of the *Minden Times*, which has a later press time, and will provide a full story.

The election was called on March 23, with advance polls occurring over the Easter weekend, and the final election day on Monday, April 28. The polls are closing at various times across this spanning country, with the latest being 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Unlike the provincial election, the federal election has been using paper ballots, which are being hand-counted. Elections Canada shared that they use this approach for "efficiency and security", though the official results will take longer to announce.

The race has largely been between Liberal Mark Carney and Conservative Pierre Poilievre at a federal level. Locally, Nell Thomas of the Liberal Party is hoping for a win as the region's newest Member of Parliament, with Conservative Jamie Schmale seeking re-election.

For official results, visit www.haliburtonecho.ca.

County councillors clash over transportation costs

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response was received and council choose not to proceed with the project at that time.

"We did receive one bid that was very costly," he said.

Staff looked to other rural municipalities over the winter to see how public transit is provided elsewhere.

Ovell said an on-demand or a demand responsive transit service could work in Haliburton County. They're frequently implemented in rural Ontario and can provide a variety of service delivery options for a larger area with less population.

He said savings have been achieved in some of the jurisdictions that have on-demand or a demand responsive transit service.

Ovell said those cost savings come from vehicles not having to travel empty over fixed routes on a schedule.

The taxi service in Haliburton County in recent months has become extremely limited, further impacting transit challenges. Many residents are being required to book days in advance of their appointments or travel plans with no guarantees the taxi service will be able to accommodate their needs.

Deputy Warden Liz Danielsen, who is the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, applauded the continued effort to initiate public transit in the county.

"I would like to see the option included for the entirety of the county," she said. "Algonquin Highlands is not interested in paying for a service that's only going to serve Minden Hills and Dysart et al."

She suggested Highlands East residents may feel the same, especially since that township enjoys a transportation agreement with nearby Bancroft.

"I don't think it's fair that we would pay for services that do nothing for Algonquin Highlands," she said.

Gary Dyke, the county's CAO, said the proposed transit type has the flexibility to serve beyond the County Road 21 corridor.

"It may not arrive at anything, but it's at least something we have the ability to look at," he said.

"There is great advantage to making this happen," said Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East.

"I thought we were elected to represent the people of Haliburton County," said Coun. Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor. "Not to start picking and choosing how we're going to separate the funding."

He said there are other instances in which another of the four lower tier municipalities benefits while Dysart pays more than it should for that service.

"This is going to happen all the time," Fearrey said.

Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills, said transportation is one of the key issues for rural communities.

"It's got to start somewhere and it's never going to get to the outlying districts unless it starts at the centre," Carter said. "I think we have to look at whether we're here as Haliburton County or we're here as four individual municipalities."

Ovell said he has no issue with modifying the project's scope to include a possible service for the entire county.

Ryall said it isn't fair to pay for a service that will benefit only two municipalities.

"There needs to be some kind of adjustment in the fee structure," he said.

Dyke said transit would initially directly affect Minden Hills and Dysart. But one of the things the county has been told while working to recruit health care professionals and to lure businesses is that the lack of public transit is an issue. The county as a whole will benefit with new physicians and businesses.

"You may not be getting 100 per cent of the direct benefit from a service, but there also is the indirect benefit to the broader community with respect to your health care, with respect to the growth to the overall business side," he said.

Danielsen said she didn't mean to suggest she doesn't support a public transit system in the county. She said it's needed and she would like to see it proceed to fruition.

"We need to have some insight as to where this could lead us to," Ryall said.

Before equipment is acquired and any leases are inked, he said the county needs to know where the costs and benefits are going to fall.

"Once we do that, then we have a better idea of where we are going," Ryall said.

The bid received last year projected an annual cost of about $685,000. And that concerns Coun. Walt McKechnie, who is the deputy mayor of Dysart.

"It'd be great to find out exactly what that number is going to be," he said. "But I think we're talking about a lot of money here."

"I don't think I would be here if I thought I was coming back with a tender that was going to be around $650,000 again," Ovell said. "But we've got to figure out what's out there."

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Wheels in motion

Last Thursday, MPP Laurie Scott visited Haliburton to officially open the Caboose Community Bike Hub, made possible by a $30,000 Seed grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The project will pilot a unique rural bike hub that could serve as a model for other communities. Bicycling will be promoted to all ages through free public programming in collaboration with local non-profit Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT). "Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation's $30,000 Seed grant over six months, the Caboose Community Bike Hub is bringing new energy to active living in Haliburton by creating accessible, inclusive cycling opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. This innovative pilot project is a great example of how local partnerships and provincial support can help build healthier, more connected communities," said Scott. /submitted

The annual *We Made It* event on April 17 drew crowds from all over the county to see the work created by this semester's graduates. /THOMAS SMITH staff

Above, glass students display their semester's worth of products from Haliburton School of Art and Design. A number of students intend to stay in the area after graduation.

We Made It event showcases graduating class

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

A room filled with artists, both new and experienced; brought together by the same desire to create.

The energy in the room at the Haliburton School of Art and Design's (HSAD) *We Made It* event is that of fresh, artistic sparks and inspired visitors.

HSAD hosted their annual end-of-semester event on Thursday, April 17 to crowds of family, friends, and interested customers alike. From business owners, to supporting instructors, the air in the hall was electric with fledgling artistic passion.

Students of the Winter 2025 certificates in glassblowing, ceramics, and jewellery all showcased their artworks for the event.

"I had never tried this before and I thought that it would be fun," said Robin Poirier, from Lindsay.

With experience with drawing, painting, and crocheting, Poirier says that working with a malleable art material was the most satisfying, yet also the most challenging part of their foray into ceramics.

Studio nights were Poirier's favourite memory. "When we turn the music on, chatting and everybody is having a good time," said Poirier.

Jaz Hamilton recently completed the ceramics program and attended the fibre arts program last semester.

"I hadn't started working with clay before this program," said Hamilton. "The learning curve of ceramics can be a lot."

Coming from Brighton, Ontario, Hamilton says that they have fallen in love with Haliburton and plan to stay here for the foreseeable future.

"Both programs are incredible," they said, noting that the ceramics program is offered both semesters, unlike the fibre arts program.

It was a full house at Haliburton School of Art and Design's *We Made It* exhibit, put on by the graduating class of the semester. /THOMAS SMITH staff

The ceramics faculty are a wealth of knowledge who are more than happy to share it with their students, says Hamilton.

"It was lovely to connect with all of my classmates," said Hamilton. "We are a very close group and there are a lot of little things that we got to do together that were special for us. Ceramics is very community-driven. It is always really awesome to have a lovely community of students."

Hamilton plans to stay in the Haliburton area, work on their art and hopefully sell at the art markets in the area. Hamilton's artist Instagram is @bittercritter-crafts.

Aidan Clarke, a glassblowing student originally from Peterborough says that learning patience in a new way was the key to success in the glassblowing program.

"Glass is fast and slow at the same time," said Clarke. "You break a lot of things."

Previously completing the visual art and design, Clarke says that glassblowing was more hands-on and thought oriented than glassblowing.

"It's always great to meet other glassblowers," said Clarke.

Clarke can be found on Instagram with the username @littlefireglassco and the website littlefireglass.ca.

Isaac Hetner, a jewellery essentials student originally from Guelph took a year of absence from his job to pursue creating jewellery.

"I've always loved art and this is my first step into doing it more officially," said Hetner.

After briefly stepping away from a career in corporate sales, Hetner became fully immersed into jewellery making.

"I will be going back to work, but it's mostly so I can afford all the equipment," said Hetner with a laugh. "As soon as I can do this full time, I will be."

Stonesetting was one of Hetner's biggest challenges with the jewellery essentials program. Regular practice, despite setbacks like breaking stones and melting pieces, allowed Hetner to flourish in the course. Through overcoming these challenges, stonesetting also became Hetner's favourite.

"It was really hard at first," said Hetner. "I am glad I spent a lot of after class time in the studio, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m."

Hetner takes great inspiration from luxury brands from Italy and New York. Taking lessons with master goldsmiths Susan Watson Ellis and Michaela Wolfert were the highlights of the program, says Hetner.

Ki Myra, originally from Pembroke attended the ceramics program at HSAD.

"I grew up in the art world," said Myra. "My Dad is a tattoo artist and my mom is a quilter."

Throwing clay on the pottery wheel was the most challenging aspect of the program, says Myra.

"Clay is a very earthy medium. I like to make things and bring life to them," said Myra.

While attending the ceramics program at HSAD, Myra utilized collected materials like deer hair and bones with their artwork. Crushed deer bones were incorporated in a ceramic skeleton's bones, for example. The sculpture course was their favourite part of the program.

Myra's artwork can be found on their Instagram page @ki_myra_creations.

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Dave Murray's piece for the Four Nations Face-Off Tournament, which celebrated the best of the best in the National Hockey League. Murray is a former teacher at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. /submitted

Murray with his piece for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which was selected from over 500 entries. /submitted

Diving into doodles with Dave Murray

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

Dave Murray's elementary school teachers used to tape large pieces of paper across his desk in an effort to quell the doodles. They had told him enough times to stop scribbling across school surfaces, and finally, they leaned into it. May as well protect the desks, if they could.

Little did they know, those doodles were headed towards something bigger. Much bigger.

A world stage.

"I've been drawing my entire life," chuckled the Toronto-based artist, "and now it feels like I am having a lot of 'full circle' moments."

Murray attended Sheridan College for illustration, a school he now teaches at on occasion, in the same program he studied. In 2014, his work was noticed by the former dean of Haliburton's School of Art and Design (HSAD), Sandra Dupret. Dupret approached Murray, asking if he would be interested in joining the faculty at the arts college, and he readily accepted.

At that point in his career, Murray was exploring his style - a journey any true artist will continue on for the duration of their career. During one local lesson, Murray brought a collection of his notebooks with him to show the Haliburton students. "Always carry a sketchbook, anywhere you go," he said. "It's so important to get that practice. To get those thoughts out from your mind, onto paper."

Murray taught for years at HSAD, exploring everything from drawing and painting, digital imagery, and integrated design. Like many creative endeavours, his time with the college came to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic, at which point he reshuffled to prioritize his work in an urban setting.

This was the shifting point for Murrary's newest passion: combining the worlds of sports and art. "Traditionally, those two circles don't overlap that much," said Murray, noting that in the past, the primary medium for sports-based advertising was photography, which captured the pace of the movement, but left little room for creative expression.

"I love the challenge in my mind, and adding the movement to the pieces," he said. As a hockey player himself, Murray has the first-hand experience of seeing the motions. "It's easy for me to understand the movement and the poses, and that's extremely special to combine those two worlds together."

Murray describes his style as modern cubism, with heavy, angular dashes and lines, showcasing depth, colour, and movement. His first inspiration was none other than the comic strip *Calvin and Hobbes*. The artist recalled one particular strip where Calvin was seeing the world in a cubist style, and he remembers being entirely captivated by that approach.

But like any true artist, his style continues to grow. "I think any working artist would tell you that they always want their art to change and challenge them," he noted.

Some major partners Murray has worked with include the National Hockey League, *The New York Times, Canada Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Globe and Mail,* Major League Baseball, and *The LA Times*, to name a few.

Most recently, Murray was selected from over 500 artists to create the poster for the FIFA World Cup, 2026 for the host city of Toronto. "It's the biggest sports tournament on earth," said Murray of the international soccer match, who was still in awe after being told just a few days before that his work was selected as the winner.

He dove into the process of creating the piece, which includes a number of very rough sketches and doodles, which gradually became more refined and symbolic as the process progressed. In the piece, you can feel the movement, the speed, the depth of the sport. "Sports and art can meet and really thrive together, and open up so many opportunities," Murray said.

What's next for the forever changing and growing Murray? When he took the time to chat for this interview, he was deeply engrossed in his studio, painting for an upcoming exhibit - one of his first solo shows, ever. Fittingly, the exhibit is titled *Next Goal*. "And that's what's next for me," he said. "I want to really focus on moving into more professional spaces and galleries, and pushing myself in different ways."

And as always, Murray urges all artists to just keep drawing, everywhere and anywhere, whenever they can. "Don't be afraid to make mistakes," he laughed, "that's exactly how you learn."

Little did they know, his elementary school teachers were setting him up for a lifetime of success in doodling.

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So, you voted - now what?

JESSICA SLADE

Special to the Echo

You checked your voter registration, showed up to the polls, and cast your ballot in the 2025 federal election. You participated in something powerful - a cornerstone of our democracy.

But now that the ballots are in (or at least being counted), what comes next?

It's a question many Canadians are left with after election day. Democracy doesn't stop once your ballot hits the box - in fact, that's only the beginning.

Stay informed - even after the results roll in

By the time you read this, we may have a good sense of who will form the next federal government. But Elections Canada will still be finalizing results, especially in close ridings and among special ballots - including those mailed from abroad, cast from remote areas, or completed on Indigenous reserves.

As you wait for the full picture to emerge, take time to explore how your riding voted. Did your preferred local candidate win? If not, who will represent you in Ottawa? Look them up. Learn their priorities. And don't be afraid to reach out - your Member of Parliament works for you, whether you voted for them or not.

That's one of the strengths of our system: MPs represent all constituents in their riding, not just their supporters. You don't need to agree on everything to raise a concern or share what matters to you. Most MPs have offices you can contact, and many host community events or respond to emails. Take them up on it.

What if you're disappointed?

Not everyone will see their preferred candidate - or Prime Minister - win. That can feel discouraging, especially in a year when political divisions have run deep.

It's okay to feel frustrated. But your voice still matters. Your role in democracy didn't end on election day. You can still advocate for the issues you care about, hold your MP accountable, and work toward change in your community.

Living in a rural riding like ours, it can sometimes feel like our concerns get lost in the shuffle. But I've seen firsthand how community voices - when consistent and organized - can still move the dial, even from places that aren't in the spotlight.

Democracy is more than just election day

Voting is one part of the process. Staying engaged between elections is where real change happens. Contact your MP. Attend a town hall. Follow legislation as it moves through Parliament.

Not sure where to start? Try OurCommons.ca to see how your MP votes and which committees they sit on. Sign up for updates from trusted, non-partisan sources. And if you're on social media, follow a range of perspectives - not just the ones you already agree with.

Talk about it

Politics can feel divisive, but it doesn't have to be. One of the most impactful things you can do is keep the conversation going - with your kids, your coworkers, your neighbours, and your friends. Civic literacy grows when we're willing to talk openly and respectfully with others.

Get involved

If you caught the civic bug this election, channel it - and you don't have to wait until the next federal vote. Ontario's next municipal election is in 2026, and local government has a significant impact on our daily lives - from roads to child care to community spaces.

Start paying attention to what's happening at the council table. Volunteer with a local cause. Join a municipal advisory board. And if you've ever thought, 'maybe I could do that' - keep that thought alive. Local elections matter, and they need local leaders who care.

In short?

Voting isn't the end of the story - it's just the turning of a page.

So yes, you went to the polls. You did your part. Now let's keep showing up for our democracy together.

Public health unit seeks person exposed to rabies in Lindsay

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

Public health authorities are looking for a person they believe may have been exposed to rabies March 14 in the Lindsay area.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit is asking for the public's help to locate that person. A press release issued by the unit didn't say if the person was a man or a woman. The individual who handled the bat is not in trouble but is being asked to promptly contact the health unit by calling 1-866-888-4577 extension 5006 to confirm if exposure by bite or scratch occurred and to determine if they need to seek immediate medical attention. The rabid bat was handled and moved from the road and placed on a tree at the corner of Kent Street West and Adelaide Street in Lindsay at about 5 p.m.

The bat was then transferred to a wildlife sanctuary where it showed signs of illness. The bat was sent for testing and it has been confirmed to be positive for rabies. "This serves as a reminder to our community to please stay away from bats and other animals that can carry rabies," said Richard Ovcharovich, the unit's environmental health manager. "Humans are at risk of infection if they've been bitten or had direct contact with an animal's saliva, through open wounds or scratches." Rabies is a deadly viral disease that affects the central nervous system of warm-blooded mammals, including humans. The most common transmitters of the disease in Ontario are bats, foxes, skunks, and raccoons. But infected pets and other domestic animals can also spread rabies.

Rabies can be transmitted to humans when there is contact with the saliva of an infected mammal through a bite, scratch, or licking an open wound.

If you see a raccoon, skunk, bat, or other wild or stray animal that's dead, sick, or acting strangely do not touch or go near the animal and contact animal services.

Public health officials urge people to go to their family doctor is they've been bitten or had direct contact with a bat. The public health unit should also be notified.

Direct contact is defined as the bat touching or landing on a person. If you find a bat in your house but there is no direct contact, no one was bitten or scratched, open windows and doors in the area to the outside, close off the rest of the house, keep people and pets away, turn off lights and leave the bat for a few hours to allow it to leave.

If it does not leave, call an animal control or a pest control company for assistance. The bat will need to be humanely euthanized and tested for rabies.

When there is no direct contact with a bat, the risk of rabies is extremely rare.

If there has been direct contact from a bat that is discovered in your home, do not attempt to capture or kill the bat yourself.

If you have bats living on your property and want to remove them, contact a professional pest control company or wildlife removal company.

If you discover a bat outdoors that is injured, acting strange or dead, do not touch it.

As bats can transmit the rabies virus to dogs and cats, ensure your pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations and keep dogs on a leash under your control.

If bat-proofing your home yourself, carefully examine your home for holes that might allow bats entry then take steps to seal those holes.

For instance, caulk any openings larger than a quarter inch by a half inch, ensure all doors to the outside close tightly, and use window screens, chimney caps, and draft-guards beneath doors to attics.

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Haliburton Legion seeks a generator for emergencies

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

The recent ice storm that shut down much of the province highlighted some of the deficiencies that need to be rectified to better respond to future emergencies.

A weather emergency befell the region in March and basically shut down Haliburton County and area with ice and snow that broke trees and tore down utility wires. Power was knocked out for days.

States of emergency were declared for just about every township and municipality in the vicinity. Haliburton County officials and the OPP even took the unusual step of asking non-residents not to visit until the cleanup was complete.

Mike Waller, president of the Haliburton Legion Branch 129, told council during its April 22 meeting that Legion staff have been working to set things right in the ice storm's aftermath.

And there's a way the township may possibly help out in that regard.

"With the Legion being designated as an emergency shelter, I've come to council to ask for some money for a generator," he said. "There was times that we couldn't offer any assistance to anybody. There were some people that were without power for a week to 10 days, even longer, and we couldn't help them at all."

Waller said he expects weather to be as bad or even worse in the coming years so there will be more such incidents when the Legion will be needed as a shelter.

He said the Legion has applied for various grants to meet the need. They have been turned down three times so far, he said.

"I don't know where else to go with it," he said.

Tamara Wilbee, the township's CAO, said the town hall is the municipality's emergency management control centre. The building has a generator, but it doesn't run the water and other systems.

"It's just a few plugs in the building," Wilbee said. "So we're in a bit of a need, too."

> ***"There were some people that were without power for a week to 10 days, even longer, and we couldn't help them at all."***
>
> — Mike Waller, Legion Branch 129 President

The township's arena was outfitted a few years ago with the means to accommodate a generator hookup. The arena has been wired to allow a rented generator to be stitched into it in the event of a power outage.

She said it would only take minutes to get the power buzzing through the building with the wiring for a generator.

Wilbee suggested the Legion executive consider that as an option until the larger chunk of funding can be obtained to buy a generator that could be stationary at the building.

"That would be a good start," Mayor Murray Fearrey said.

On another front, Waller said some people seem to be confused about parking in the accessible spot in front of the building. They seem to think it's fine to parking in front of the spot. When they do, Waller said the Legion's driveway is blocked or they back up far enough that the accessible parking space is unusable.

He asked township council during its April 22 meeting if yellow lines could be painted to highlight the space and to keep the Legion entrance clear.

Regarding the request for a yellow-painted No Parking designator, Fearrey said that is something council can work on with staff.

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Based on the timelines of our printers, our paper will have gone to press before the winner is announced. Don't worry, you will be able to read the full story on our website, the *Minden Times* (which comes out a day later), or any other trusted Canadian news source.

But here I am, writing a story from past to present, when the future is still uncertain. As a fairly new editor, having back-to-back major elections in a rural community has certainly filled in the gaps to what is normally a fairly quiet time of year. It has presented opportunities for dialogue, for questions, for stories.

And at this point, while I write, the polls are tight. I refresh my home screen every few minutes; blue and red arrows taking turns flipping on their noses.

There are political predictions in place; taking into consideration the patterns, the numbers, the stats.

But no matter who wins, both instill a sense of bubbling fear in me. If the Conservatives come out on top, I worry for the well-being of my kids; their opportunities to choose to be exactly who they want to be, their future in a world that does not prioritize the environment, their access to basic human needs such as affordable homes, healthcare, and mental wellness.

If the Liberals win, I fear for the backlash. Angry people who can't properly grasp where to channel their hate.

And while I recognize there are many voters who can take a hit – those who understand the consequences of elections; right or wrong, win or lose - there are others who won't be able to move forward. As is the nature of our ongoing messy political climate.

As I drove through town the other day, I saw not one, but three "F--k Carney" flags (I don't need to spell it out for you - you get the point).

At the time, Mark Carney had been in the PM position for a matter of mere days. Days.

And I couldn't figure out what he had possibly done to warrant that flag.

It is entirely unfounded. It's just hate. Simplified, basic, clear-cut, hate.

And it's not hate based on what he's done (because at this point, he was fresh in the role), it was hate based solely on who he is. Hate for the simple sake of hate.

A few months ago, I wrote an editorial titled *Flags*. In it, I shared the power of a flag, and the meanings behind it.

It was in reference to the Pride flag, and how it should be welcomed with open arms in our community.

Because it's not just about a flag. It's about the stories behind it, the conversations it creates, the representation it entails.

But what if the flags we choose to fly carry hate in their hearts?

When our kids play sports, we have always said the most important part of the game - beyond the goals and the warm-ups and the team camaraderie - is the handshake at the end of the game. Sportsmanlike conduct. I don't care who wins or loses, who comes out on top, I care about whether they played the game with kindness in their hearts and fairness coursing through their veins.

And those people who carry those flags of hate, they're not playing the game with sportsmanlike conduct. They're bullies with bells on.

So to whoever wins this game, I wish you the best of luck. Politics isn't for the faint of heart, and no matter what your political leaning, you have to have a thick skin.

And to the people who believe those flags of hate are making some sort of difference, expressing some sort of thought, they are; they show us exactly what kind of person you are.

But don't worry, it's not too late to change.

emily stonehouse

Editorial

A Ruby-crowned Kinglet sings a spring song. Photo by Derek Spencer

King of the window

JEFFREY HEARD the racket all the way upstairs. He paused in the middle of putting on a sock and listened. It was Charles. Charles was his dachshund – or wiener dog as the kids called him - barking at something he had just spied from his perch at the living-room window.

The little dog obviously considered himself in charge of who walked by his house. So unless Charles was snoozing, which he admittedly did a great deal, he never missed any action on the other side of the glass. A group of women on their weekly ramble – Charles was on it. That big black Newfie that likes to think she rules the town – well Charles lets her know she's only dreaming.

But humans and other dogs were not the only creatures that needed to be kept in their place and away from Charles' residence. Those outrageous squirrels who seemed to think they could go anywhere and do anything? Not on this little guy's watch. It was also reassuring for Charles to hear his human's encouragement when he chased the squirrels away from the bird feeders. Well, maybe he didn't always succeed with the squirrels. They usually filled their cheeks before leaping off the feeders and back into the trees.

Shall we talk about the deer? Charles certainly has an opinion on those four-legged thieves. The way they sauntered down his driveway as though they owned the world was especially irritating. Once Charles alerted Jeff, he then opened the back door and Charles made chase. Mind you he only went to the property lines in his pursuit. No need to go farther since the deer threat had abated. Because Charles had to get back to his vantage point at the window. Just in case.

Once the warmer weather arrived it was harder for Charles to maintain his spot by the window. Although he took that responsibility seriously, still it was so pleasant to stretch out on his side and soak up some rays on the deck. Unfortunately he couldn't keep watch on the street from that location. Although Charles felt this was a bit derelict of his duty as protector of the house and human, Jeff didn't seem to mind. In fact sometimes Charles got the impression that Jeff did not really appreciate his dog's vigilance. It was almost as though Jeff was encouraging Charles to chill on the deck and forget about guard duty.

Winter was the best time for keeping an eye on the comings and goings on his street. No sunny deck to draw him away from his primary job. But once spring arrived it was more of a challenge to stay focused on the other side of that window.

When Charles was just a little guy, he had a companion with whom he often shared the window. Marie the cat had also liked to take up a position. She had been the original guard and it was from her that Charles learned the job. The two would sit side-by-side on the back of the couch as they scanned the scene for interlopers. On the rare occasion that another feline should venture down the driveway, Marie's back arched and she hissed furiously through the glass. Charles was always impressed with her outrage and would then add fuel to the flame by barking in agreement and jumping against the window.

When Marie died, Charles had been confused. He looked for her around the house but without success. Finally realizing that things had changed was not easy but Charles came to accept this new normal. It only made his role all the more important.

Then things changed again. One day a new critter – a small black cat – made an appearance, cradled in Jeff's hand. Charles didn't know what to think but he was understandably wary. Was he being replaced? But then Jeff made the introductions, telling Charles he needed to show this newcomer the ropes.

First on the agenda was introducing the window seat and all its responsibilities. Would this small piece of fluff be up to the job? Probably not, thought Charles but it could help out on those sunny deck days when Charles didn't feel like being king of the window.

Down Our road

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points of view

Double oh Steven?

steve galea

Loon Tales

WE HAD just left the drive-through when Jenn asked, "What's going on?"

"What do you mean? I replied.

"Since when do you order a small regular coffee and insist that it is shaken not stirred?" she asked.

"Ever since they announced that they are searching for the next James Bond," I said.

"On a related note, is it OK if I call you Moneypenny for the next little while?"

Surprisingly, she said no.

More surprising is that Jenn had not heard that Daniel Craig has done his last James Bond movie and now the franchise is searching for the next actor to play that iconic role.

Their short list includes a bunch of actors who are tall, handsome, fit, debonair, athletic, and well-known.

But here's the thing. Amazon MGM studios who now owns the franchise, has suggested that they might go in an entirely different direction. Basically, they are considering the idea of a more unconventional Bond to take the franchise in a different direction. The only non-negotiable is the British accent.

To which I say, blimey.

I mean that's on it has really got me chuffed. I fancy that if they really want a departure from the tall, handsome, fit, debonair, athletic, young and well-known James Bond-types, I'm your chap. There is no one less tall, handsome, fit, debonair, athletic, and well-known than me. Ask anyone.

Also, it's a short list, and I'm five-foot-three.

Honestly mate, I would make a great James Bond – and my rendition would be more realistic. No offense to the previous Bonds, but how secret an agent can you be if, when you walk into a room, no one can take their eyes off you?

Better still, I have ideas for future movies. For instance, *Coldfinger*, in which the main villain is a proctologist who works at the North Pole. Or *You Only Dye Once*, which is about a man who permanently dyed himself blue and then was cut from a Blue Man Group audition on the very first day. This obviously traumatized him and he is now determined to get revenge on the world – by starting a Blue Man tribute group. Bond must stop him.

Also, since Jeff Bezos is the franchise owner, I have tweaked a few things about how I would play my Bond character. For instance, I would be the first openly bald Bond – not a stretch for me. Also, the iconic new Bond vehicle would be a souped-up Amazon delivery truck. All the secret gadgets would have been bought on Amazon too.

As for the Bond girls, I would modify that concept. First by giving them names that were a little more in line with my age and sensibilities – like Taykme Physhin' or Hava Longnap. Second, by having them provide my Bond character with sensible reminders of his physical limitations and responsibilities, thereby preventing him from doing bonehead things.

For instance, she might say, "Let me get this straight. You are thinking of skiing down that crazy slope, while dodging bullets and missiles and then going over the cliff using an Amazon-bought portable hang glider to soar down to the village in the valley?"

"Yes," my Bond would say.

"With your bad back?" she'd reply. "Don't be an idiot. Take the cable car. And no shooting on the slope. We don't have that kind of liability coverage!"

I think you can see that I have a unique vision of how I'd play the next 007 character and would be pretty good at bringing it to life too.

Believe me it would work. My word is Bond.

pic *of the* past

Wilberforce Public School senior class in late 1930s. Back row, from left, Iris Bowen, Ruth Towe, Doreen Croft, Julie Riley, Jim Miller, Keith Riley, Hugh Perry, Royce Barnes and Albert Sanderson. Front row from left, Ernie Tallman, Murray Agnew and Wilbur Sanderson. /FILE

Music in the Water: an evening with Barrie Martin

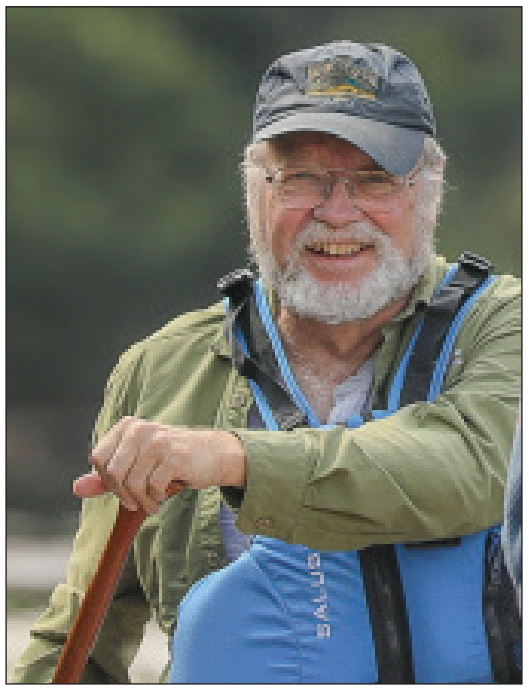
The CFUWHH is thrilled to invite you to a special evening celebrating the incredible music scene right here in our backyard! Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 at Fleming College for an engaging presentation by none other than Barrie Martin of the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Did you know, between January and April last year, our community hosted an astonishing 61 live concerts - and that's in a county with just 18,000 full-time residents! As Barrie Martin puts it, "That is a lot of music for a County this size - and the beat doesn't stop when the population triples in the summer!"

From folk, rock and blues to classical, country, jazz, and everything in between, Haliburton County is bursting with musical talent, and Barrie will dive into the fascinating reasons behind this rural renaissance of live music.

A passionate community builder and local legend, Barrie Martin wears many hats. From his roots as an education specialist and ecotourism entrepreneur to one of the founders of the Haliburton County Folk Society and creator of the beloved Telling Our Stories Speaker Series, Barrie's dedication to enriching our community is as inspiring as it is entertaining.

Whether you're a music lover, a curious newcomer, or a long-time resident, this is an event you won't want to miss. Come hear the stories behind the songs and discover why Haliburton hits all the right notes.



Everyone is welcome. Let's come together to celebrate the rhythm and spirit of our vibrant community.

For more information please contact Marci Mandel: whitetrail@outlook.com

Submitted

Volunteer Week

Canoe FM volunteers continue to give back

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

A group of dedicated voices and volunteers from Canoe FM. The radio station works with over 120 volunteers, and are looking to expand that number. /submitted

If Canoe FM did not have their 120 volunteers, our community would notice.

It would suddenly get a whole lot quieter, that's for sure.

"We've got a good team," said station manager Roxanne Casey, "we've got people who help with every part of the studio."

When we think of radio volunteers, our minds naturally go towards the on-air voices. And while Casey has over 60 radio personalities airing over the local waves, there are many behind the scenes roles that make the station tick.

"Marketing, music, programs, and governance committees," said Casey, to name a few. "There are also people who work on music. They go into each song, and tidy it up a bit."

One of the large projects Casey and her dedicated team of volunteers has recently completed is the newly launched 97.1 station in Minden. "There was a dead zone in Minden," she noted. "So we've been trying for years to get that filled, and we are finally able to do it."

On that note, Casey shared that they are actively seeking volunteers who have an understanding of some of that behind-the-scenes work. "We're looking for people with really strong, technical skills," she said. "All the behind-the-cabinet kind of stuff." She also noted that the station continues to seek on-air volunteers as well, to run programs and sessions for listeners.

The not-for-profit station's biggest undertaking is their immensely popular Radio Bingo. Hosted one night a week, the on-air gameshow draws crowds from all over the world. Many tune in weekly, hosting large groups together. During their slower seasons, the station sells over 500 Bingo sheets a week, and in the summer, they sell thousands each week.

"Radio Bingo is a huge commitment," said Casey. "There's a group of volunteers who do Bingo each week. Each sheet needs to be individually stamped with the dates, put together in pouches, and delivered to stores. We've got a great team."

Half of the proceeds from Radio Bingo goes back into the station, to be spent on broadcasting technicalities, and the other half goes towards a selected not-for-profit in the community. This includes local food banks, animal shelters, and service clubs. "In our past ten years, we have donated over $600,000 into our community from Radio Bingo," said Casey. "I think that's pretty impressive."

Harvest Haliburton needs volunteers for growth

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

Harvest Haliburton saw great growth in their organization before the COVID-19 pandemic uprooted their plans.

Since then, the organization has been slowly rebuilding by growing its volunteer base and increasing their endeavours towards supporting local food production.

Harvest Haliburton has three main goals. The first is to support policies that protect the agriculture sector in Haliburton County and advocate for supportive regulations.

Their second goal is to partner with other agencies and community groups to compile and disseminate information to increase food production in Haliburton County. Their third is to increase awareness of their organization and the importance of a sustainable agri-food system in our own communities.

Harvest Haliburton is also partnered with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ride District Health Unit as a local sustainable food system initiative in addition to the Kawartha Lakes Food Coalition.

Some of the other community groups that Harvest Haliburton has collaborated with include the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Haliburton County Farmers' Association, local food banks, Haliburton County Master Gardeners, and the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning, among others. Harvest Haliburton also collaborates with U-Links Centre for Community Based Research including their 2017 research study "Meat on Wheels: The Potential for a Mobile Slaughterhouse Unit in Haliburton County."

Recently, Harvest Haliburton was awarded $2,600 through the Haliburton County Development Corporation's Local Initiatives Program. Harvest Haliburton says that they have used the money to hire a consultant to work on the Official Plan review project for the county and lower tier municipalities.

With successful efforts like the annual Garlic Festival, it is clear that produce can be grown in Haliburton County. If producers are further supported and connected to consumers through Harvest Haliburton, we can work towards creating a sustainable agri-food system based in Haliburton County.

At its core, Harvest Haliburton seeks to communicate with people that are working with food.

While Haliburton County is not known for agriculture, there are several ways that the county can assist with people looking to produce food for sale, such as helping spread information on improving soil health and utilizing limited land space. They aspire to keep up to date with the latest research on agriculture and spread the information for free throughout the county.

Currently, Harvest Haliburton is seeking volunteers for four of their committees including their steering team, local food forum, education and Food Information Hub.

Their steering team includes their core volunteer team working with members like President Aisha Malik and Vice President Barrie Martin.

The Local Food Forum is an event that brings people involved with the local food sector together including, but not limited to, growers, producers, distributors, sellers, food banks, and other food related organizations, says Martin.

The education committee is focused towards making information about agriculture and resources for business support more accessible, as well as educating the public around local agri-food endeavours.

The Food Information Hub is a resource for everyone to learn more about producing their own food and other information and resources around food.

Harvest Haliburton has put a lot of thought into how they are going to attract younger members for their organization. Their primary tactic for attracting younger members is through social media accounts such as their Facebook page. They also have a newsletter that is sent out frequently and rely on word of mouth and inviting people to their community meetings.

"Homesteaders do some amazing things," said Martin.

From homesteaders, to gardeners, to those wanting to reduce food waste, everyone is welcomed to join Harvest Haliburton.

Anyone that is interested in assisting with Harvest Haliburton's growth is asked to email Aisha Malik at amalik@hkpr.on.ca or text Martin at 705-457-7557.

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Volunteer Week

Volunteer spotlight: Della Redwood

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

There's a certain warmth to Della Redwood. It's something you feel right away, when you meet her.

An unwavering kindness; brought on by years of goodness, joy, and the art of giving back. "Volunteering was just something I grew up with," said Redwood. "My father was of the mind that if you helped someone else, one day, they would help you in return."

Redwood has called the Haliburton Highlands home since 2013. Originally hailing from Cochrane before moving to Oakville for her career as a medical microbiologist, she found herself wanting a different pace as retirement approached.

She found Haliburton on a fluke; her son had his snowmobile break down around the Huntsville area, and in an effort to seek repairs, ended up driving through the quaint village on a snowy day.

"He called me and he said, 'you'll love it, mom, it's just like Cochrane, it's got a lake right in the middle of town,'" she chuckled. So without skipping a beat, Redwood packed up her then 18-month old grandson and took a road trip to the community. "We went to Stedmans, we ate at the Kosy Korner," she recalled, "and people talked to me. People talked with him. Everyone was friendly." And just like that, she knew she was home.

As she perused the community in her early days, she started to take note of the bulletin boards around town; noting the wealth of events offered, even during the sleepy winter season. As a new arrival, she attended a volunteer fair at the high school in town, and this was where she was introduced to a number of the organizations that make the community vibrant.

She had started volunteering with the drum circles, put on by the Rails End Gallery, and went on, for years, to run the Drum Festival in Head Lake Park. With an Indigenous background, Redwood shared that she has always felt the pull of the drums in her heart, though it was not an activity she picked up until moving to the area.

Redwood is also intrinsically involved with SIRCH Community Services, specifically through their Community Kitchen initiative. The program works with community partners to provide 1700 meals a month to individuals in need across the county. Redwood hits the kitchen Monday mornings at 7 a.m. each and every week to prepare those meals alongside fellow volunteers. "I know some of the people who receive these meals, and it's very special," she said. "There's more and more need for them, and it's very rewarding to be able to help where I can."

> ***"To be able to help even just one person, that makes it all worth it."***
>
> — Della Redwood

With a medical background, Redwood also has a degree in gerontology, which she puts in place while volunteering at the hospice facility with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, offering counselling services around death and dying. She also volunteers with the local libraries, the Haliburton Legion, and Repair Cafe through SIRCH. "I could very easily stay home and be by myself," she said. "But that's just not who I am. You have to get out there."

To Redwood, the core of these volunteer experiences lies in the human component; the need for connection, for belonging, for feeling like a part of something bigger. In her many veins of volunteerism; that's the crux of everything she does. "They all need to be acknowledged as human beings," she said. "To be able to help even just one person, that makes it all worth it."

Goodness, joy, and the art of giving back.

Della Redwood was taught to volunteer from a young age, growing up in Cochrane, Ontario. She believes in giving back to her community in any way she can. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

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Volunteer Week

HHHS volunteers contribute to community vibrancy

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

With over 250 volunteers, Haliburton Highlands Health Services is able to provide a wealth of community programs and services. /submitted

Sometimes volunteers work behind the scenes. Other times, like at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), the vibrancy of volunteers is intrinsically interwoven into the everyday lives at the facility. "Many of our community services rely on volunteers to run," said Lauren Ernst, the communications and employee experience lead at HHHS, "and we would be hard pressed to continue those programs without our dedicated volunteers."

HHHS currently works with over 250 volunteers across the organization. They are involved with programs such as Meals on Wheels, transportation services, adult day programs, hospice, friendly visiting and security checks, social recreation, and the Diners Club.

For the long-term-care portion of HHHS, the organization relies on volunteers to run programs such as Bingo, crafts, baking, and gardening, or weekly visits with residents. "We also have numerous volunteers who dedicate their time playing music and entertaining in our long term care homes," said Ernst.

Beyond the care facilities, HHHS works with volunteers for programs such as physiotherapy support, IT, and community outreach. There is also a Minden Auxiliary, who runs the gift shop out of the newly formed Minden Health Hub, and fundraises through different avenues, all in the name of HHHS. Ernst noted that the board and committee members for both HHHS and the HHHS foundation are volunteers, and of course, instrumental in progressing the organization forward.

The lack of volunteers would surely be noted in areas such as the long term care homes, said Ernst. "Our long term care homes would not have the same vibrancy if volunteers did not spend time enriching our residents' lives," she said.

Ernst shared that the volunteers with HHHS are aligned with the vision of the organization, and how it is vital for the health of the community as a whole. "We are so thankful to have so many dedicated volunteers who share their time with our organization," she said, "making the lives of our clients, residents, and patients better."

If anyone is interested, HHHS is welcoming new volunteers to their organization, and all are encouraged to visit www.hhhs.ca for more information. "In general, volunteers enliven HHHS with their energy, their insights, and their dedication to making HHHS a successful organization," said Ernst. "It would be a huge loss if we didn't have people volunteering with us."

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Central Food Network hops in the lake

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

It's no secret that there is an increasing need for food bank access across the county.

For the Central Food Network (CFN), they live and breathe giving back to the community, in an effort to make Haliburton County a better place to live.

One volunteer and board member, Dan Chan, believes in the value the CFN provides for the many individuals across the region. "It's a very worthy cause," he said. "Affordability is an issue, and there's a big need for that."

Chan retired from his career in March, 2023. He spent some time travelling around, and visiting his cottage in Haliburton for the summer following his retirement, but by the time winter rolled around, he found himself feeling stagnant. "In the summer I like to stay pretty active, but I couldn't do that through the winter," he said. "I thought, 'I have to find something to do.'"

So Chan attended a volunteer fair in Minden, hosted in the spring of 2024. He had narrowed down his interesting organizations to five, before landing on the charitable CFN. "I had a chance to apply some of my skills from when I was in the workplace," he said, noting his background in economics, logistics, and accounting. He now sits as the treasurer for the CFN - a position he will hold for two years.

"It's been great," he said. "Other members of the board each offer something different, they're very diverse, and I am able to do a lot of the work virtually."

The CFN is based largely out of Highlands East, and offers combined services of food, heat, and tax support. In 2021, it was identified that 21 per cent of children in the municipality are living in low income households, which is nearly double the provincial standard.

In 2024, CFN provided over $1.6 million worth of food, home heating and hydro grants, firewood, and financial benefits. The food bank in Wilberforce feeds up to 90 families per month, and the food bank in Cardiff feeds up to 30. Their Community Cooks Program makes over 5000 meals annually, and their Food Rescue Program reaches 1000 people in a single month. The CFN receives over 200 phone calls a year from individuals seeking heat and hydro support, and offers free income tax clinics, which support over 260 people in a single year.

With only two full time staff, the majority of the impact from the CFN comes from volunteers. They currently work alongside over 70 dedicated volunteers, who contribute over 7,750 hours of work annually.

To continue to raise funds for the many worthy causes, the CFN has kicked off their annual Jump in the Lake Challenge, which drums up funds by getting eager individuals to hop in a very chilly lake. The date for this year's fundraiser is May 17, and all individuals are welcome to hop off the dock from the comfort of their own properties. Chan intends to reach out to friends, family, and former colleagues in an effort to raise funds for the CFN. "It'll be a little friendly competition," he chuckled. "And hopefully we can hit our goal."

Information on the CFN, as well as the Jump in the Lake Challenge can be found on their website at www.centralfoodnetwork.org.

Items are displayed for a raffle draw

Wild Honey Hoedown in Haliburton

The annual spring Johnny Burke Foundation fundraiser took place at the Haliburton Legion on Sunday afternoon, featuring several local singer-songwriters, including Harold MacIntyre and Todd Nolan. The sold-out show featured several country music artists and a silent auction, all in support of the Johnny Burke Foundation, a non-profit which works towards the end of human trafficking. Below, Country music singer-songwriter Kevin Young performs./ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

Kevin Young performs.

Canadian country music icon Harold MacIntyre performs for a sold-out show.

The colourful cast of characters from Ctrl-ART-Del's production of *Dracula: Comedy of Terrors*. The show played over the past weekend at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, after months of rehearsals. /TIM YANO staff photographer

Ctrl-ART-Del's *Dracula: Comedy of Terrors* is unapologetically camp

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen's viral gender bending TikTok sensation *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors* is chocked full with gags and colourful characters, a perfect fit for the Haliburton stage.

The neck-biting wit of the delightfully thirsty, leather and lace-clad Dracula (played by Christine Carr) is accompanied by a sharp cast who never fail to hit the punchline. Carr upholds the charm and playfulness that Greenberg and Rosen's pansexual Dracula demands. Whether it was strutting to Chappel Roan or longingly staring at necks, the thirst of Dracula can be felt by everyone.

Jonathan Harker (played by Jordan Kovacs) begins their tale of tribulations through riding up the Carpathian mountains to sell a home to Dracula. The love interest of Lucy Westfeldt (played by Hannah Klose), Harker is a cowardly and 'vanilla' type of person before being corrupted by Dracula. After that, his personality does a complete 180. Unabashedly donning fishnets and a leather corset like that of *Rocky Horror's* Dr. Frank-N-Furter, Harker lets his flame of love for Lucy burn bright. The entire time, Lucy acts as his straight man in their relationship. Remaining grounded, high mannered, and unfalteringly in love with Harker throughout the journey.

Perhaps a favourite moment was near the beginning when the sea captain (played by Spencer Zumpano) yells to his right hand (played by Lindsay Jowett). From the theatrics of the stage hands spraying the captain, to Jowett thrashing around on stage, it truly felt to be on the ship in the turbulent wake. The scene was delightfully crafted by Alex Kocot, capturing the imagination and setting the scene for the type of humour the audience was in for.

Like many audience members, I gasped every time Renfield (played by Spencer

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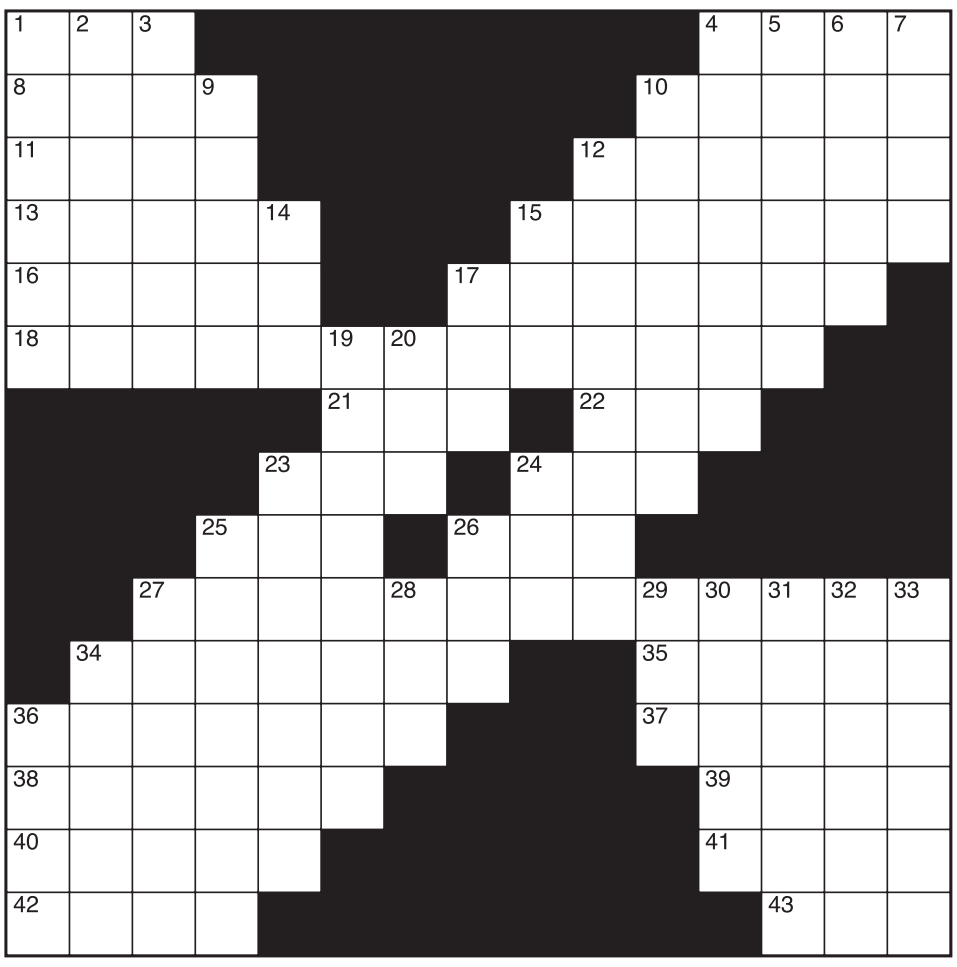

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25. Boxing's GOAT
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Eli's big brother
34. Capable of producing
35. Reproductive structures in fungi
36. Allowed to go forward
37. Smiles
38. Arteries
39. VVV
40. Win a series without losing a game
41. This (Spanish)
42. Opposites of beginnings
43. Germanic mythological god

CLUES DOWN

1. Consisting of uncombined atoms
2. Island country
3. Heavenly body
4. Caribbean island
5. Copyread
6. A place to eat
7. Drops down
9. Native group of Alaska
10. Engage in
12. "Desperate Housewives" lane
14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
15. Foot (Latin)
17. A place to bathe
19. Animosities
20. Partner to cheese
23. Venus __, plant
24. A donation
25. Pokes holes in the ground
26. Midway between northeast and east
27. Looked into
28. Not young
29. Annoy constantly
30. Something one can strike
31. Most glacial
32. Ten less than one hundred
33. Idle talker
34. Has moved through the air
36. Container for shipping

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Dracula reviews are in: it's a comedic hit

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Zumpano) made an appearance on set. Whether it was popping out of the window or appearing on the bed, Renfield's presence was undoubtedly uproarious for the audience. You always knew something delightfully twisted was about to happen, often in the form of eating a bug.

Sisters Lucy (played by Hannah Klose) and Mina Westfeldt (Played by Taliah Dumas-Stephenson) have a relationship that is entirely unlike Stoker's *Dracula* and is highly successful in this light comedy. Mina juxtaposes Lucy's charm with brashness, asserting her desires to whomever she sees fit. The butt of many jokes, it is hard to understand Mina has not found a suitor with her level of wit and grasp of humour.

Dr. Westfield (played by Willow Brown) and Dr. Van Helsing (played by Lindsay Jowett) unexpectedly kindle their love along the way, regardless of the loss of Westfield's second favourite daughter. Brown embodies a wisened old man to a tee, while Jowett towers over him, donned in German attire (accent included). The duo know how to command a room and lead, even when they don't know exactly what is going on. Blissfully unaware of their own blunders, the duo commanded the audience while squeezing out laughs around every turn.

Ctrl-ART-Del never fails to utilize its cast, incorporating their stage crew directly into the show through waterworks, clopping coconuts like Monty Python, or bringing puppets and props to life from beyond shadows. Often, I heard the audience cackling by the antics of the crew alone. The inclusion of their crew seems special and something the crew should relish in. Perhaps we will see some of them acting on the stage soon?

Through goofs, gaffs, and action-packed montages, Ctrl-ART-Del's *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors* is a highly successful romp through both the Transylvanian countryside and Whitby. Congratulations to Tim Nicholson, Ella Leis, Alex Kocot, and the entirety of *Dracula's* cast for this tremendous performance.

I look forward to future Ctrl-ART-Del show *The Grown Ups* by Simon Henriques and Skylar Fox in August.

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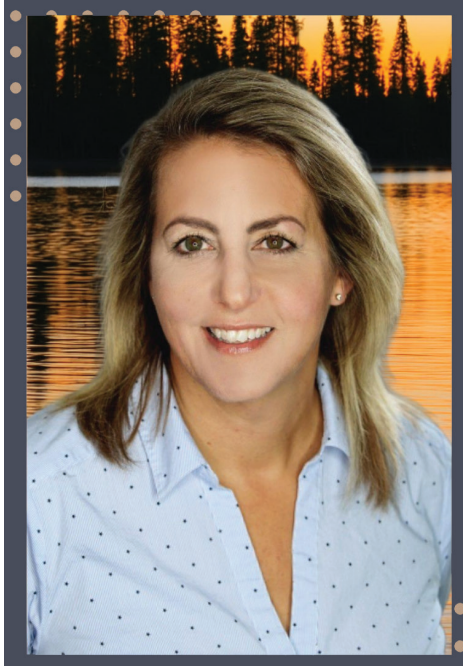

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Wilberforce Legion aims high for programming

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

"The reason I got involved with the Legion is because of my husband's father," said Hilary Klapow, associate member of the Legion.

Klapow's husband, Robert, has been a member of the Legion for over 40 years. His father, Walter, is one of the founding charter members.

After snowbirding in Texas, the Klapows experienced Texan shrimp boils and decided to bring the event back to Wilberforce. Now, they are a popular fundraising event for the Legion. Klapow says that the last shrimp boil raised around $700 to go towards the Legion.

"It can be quite rewarding to be a volunteer," said Klapow. "It is a pillar of the community."

Klapow says she is also grateful to the Legion for their support of her and her family at a young age, after her parents passed away.

Wilberforce Legion President Rick Cleveland was drawn to his local Legion to play darts. Over time, the Legion members thought his skills would be perfect for volunteering with them.

After only a few years of membership, Cleveland was voted in as president last year.

"We are definitely a hot spot in the community and are becoming more so," said Cleveland. "We're important to the community."

Cleveland says that playing darts at the Legion remains one of his favourite things to do in his spare time. The camaraderie and social aspect of playing with others at the Legion brings him back week after week.

Having moved from London, Ontario, Cleveland says that he has wholeheartedly been welcomed in as a member of the community through the Legion.

Cleveland says that there are big plans in motion for the Wilberforce Legion.

> ***"We are definitely a hot spot in the community and are becoming more so. We're important to the community."***
>
> — Rick Cleveland, Legion Branch 624 President

With the increasing demand of events and other community events, the Legion is seeking to establish committees responsible for different events in order to increase their offerings of darts, cards, cornhole, horseshoes, and other social events.

"I would like to see the Wilberforce open seven days a week again," said Cleveland.

The Wilberforce Legion plays a vital part in offering events and recreation for residents in the area. Some of the offerings the Wilberforce Legion provides include Fish Fridays, Seniors' Lunches, chicken wings and jam sessions, cornhole, breakfasts, meat draws, and dances.

"It's the best meat draw around on a Saturday afternoon," said Klapow.

Cleveland says Canada is approaching a time when popularity and need of community groups will increase exponentially.

For those interested in volunteering with the Legion, please visit legion.ca/join, follow the updates from the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 Facebook page, or pop into the legion and express your interest in volunteering with another volunteer.

"There is a place for everyone in the group somewhere," said Cleveland.

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

DATE: Wednesday, May 14th, 2025
TIME: 11:00 am.
LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom. The meeting will be live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2025-006 Kuznik

   - The following variances are requested to permit a private garage to have a decreased minimum interior side lot line setback and an increase to the maximum shoreland lot coverage on a property in the WR4 zone:

     a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 0.5 metres (1.6 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 1 metre (3.2 feet).

     b) A variance to section 5.2 to permit the maximum shoreland lot coverage to be 16% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.

   - Location: Part Lot 7, Concession 2, Lot 8, Plan 378 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
     Roll No. 060-000-14200 – 2002 Wilkinson Road

2. D13-MV-2025-007 Harcourt Park Inc. (Gohl and Hodson)

   - The following variances are requested to permit an increased maximum lot coverage and maximum shoreland lot coverage on a lot located in the WR4L-1 zone:

     a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit the maximum lot coverage to be 19% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.

     b) A variance to section 5.2 to permit the maximum shoreland lot coverage to be 19% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.

   - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 6, Block 119, Plan Big Straggle Lake in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
     Roll No. 030-000-37400-1140 – 1007 Crossbill Lane

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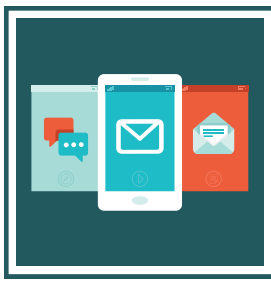
A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Adam Meijer
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



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Rock and Roll in Wilberforce

The Wilberforce Legion hosted a Soc Hop Dance on Saturday, April 26. With music from the 1950s and 1960s, costumes were encouraged, with prizes going to the favourites. The Legion also provided attendees with Spot Dance prizes, making sure everyone got on the dance floor. With good food, good music, and good costumes, fun was had by all who attended. /TIM YANO staff photographer

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Notice
(Applicant – Valiquette/Pelletier)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Pt. Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore o**f Little Glamor Lake**,more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Pt. Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 34, Concession 13, Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan 19R-11088 made by **P. A. Miller Surveying Ltd., completed January 16 th, 2023.** *(Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).*

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 22nd day of April, 2025.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk
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Notice
(Applicant – Mahut)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Koshlong Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 6, Concession 15, Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-11087, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc., completed June 14, 2022**.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 22nd day of April, 2025.

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Keep calm and toss on

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted their annual Cornhole Tournament last week, which saw a number of students, staff members, and teachers participating. The event is welcoming to all interested in participating, and costumes were encouraged. /TIM YANO staff photographer

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In Loving Memory of
Reginald M. Gibbs

With sadness, the family of Reg Gibbs announces his death on April 23, 2025, at Highland Crest Long-Term Care in Minden, Ontario, at the age of 89.

Reg was the beloved father of three children, Stephen (Alison), Chris, and Tim (Stéphanie), and the cherished grandfather of Isaac, Rachel, Sebastian, Sam, and Liam. He is survived by his sister Alice Chambers and his twin brother Ray Gibbs. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Terry Gibbs (née Link), his brothers Don and Lorne, and his sister Eileen Cruikshanks.

Reg was born in Haliburton County, Ontario, the son of the late Joseph and Reta Gibbs (née Cross). He spent his early years in Peterborough and moved to Carnarvon as a teenager. After graduating from high school, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, serving as a radar technician. Following his three-year term in the Air Force, he was employed in the private sector and stationed on Baffin Island at a remote Arctic radar site, part of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line.

After his time in the North, Reg returned to Ontario, married, and began a long career with Nav Canada, working as a radar technician supporting civil aviation. Reg and Terry raised their family in North Bay, Orangeville, and Shelburne, eventually returning to Carnarvon for their retirement. Reg was an active member of West Guilford Baptist Church and enjoyed singing choral music, making maple syrup, hunting, woodworking, and painting landscapes.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff of Highland Crest for their care and kindness during the past two years, and to the staff of The Gardens of Haliburton, who provided a supportive and compassionate environment during the initial stages of Reg's illness.

A Memorial Gathering to Celebrate Reg's life will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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HOCKEY

Duchene nominated rookie of the year

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff reporter

It's the perfect end to a wonderful beginning.

Haliburton native Matt Duchene is one of three finalists nominated for the 2009-10 Calder Memorial Trophy for the NHL's top rookie of the year.

Voted by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association, the nominees were announced on April 22, shortly after noon.

A centre for the Colorado Avalanche, Duchene was drafted third in the 2009 entry draft.

He's is up against Tyler Myers of Buffalo and Jimmy Howard of Detroit.

"It's a pretty big honour," said Duchene of the nomination. "Coming in this year it's something that I kind of had at the back of my head. If I had a good year that I could maybe win that trophy or at least be nominated."

The announcement was made just

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Earth Day Yoga

Yoga enthusiasts took part in a special Earth Day class at Blue Sky yoga studio on April 24. The class was open to all and admission was by donation only, with proceeds going towards the Food for Kids program. Participants raised a total of $225 for the food program. Photo by Angelica Blenich.

HEALTH SERVICES

CT scanner makes doctors' wish list

JENN WATT
Editor

It is time for Haliburton to think seriously about buying a CT scan machine for the county, the medical advisory committee decided at its meeting last week and recommended the health services board undertake a feasibility study.

In recent months, between 70 and 80 per cent of patients transferred from Haliburton or Minden hospitals have been taken out of the county for scans with the specialized X-ray machine.

"That's taking nurses out of the facility, it's taking ambulances out of the county, it's bringing in nurses for overtime to cover the nurses who have left and it's delaying patient care in some cases just because of the time," said Dr. Steve Ferracuti, chief of staff to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board Thursday afternoon.

"We think from a clinical perspective it would be enormously beneficial for residents of the county. We believe that there will be a good business case for this as well," he said.

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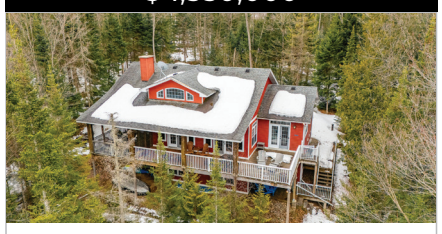

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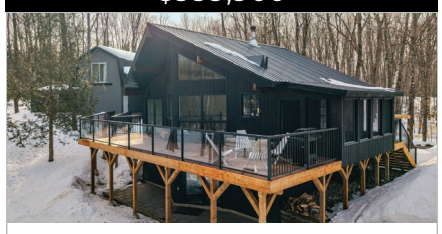

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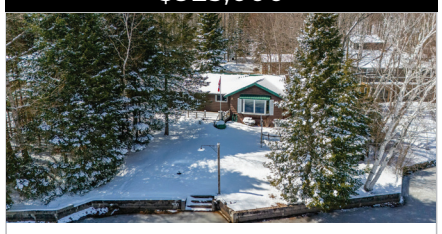

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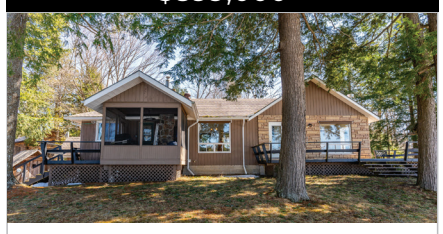

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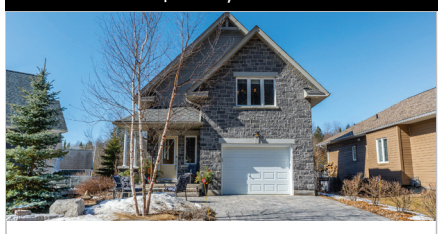

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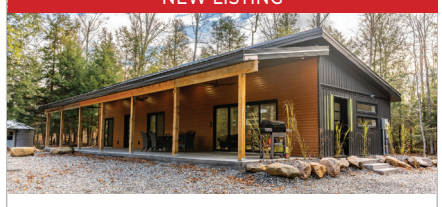

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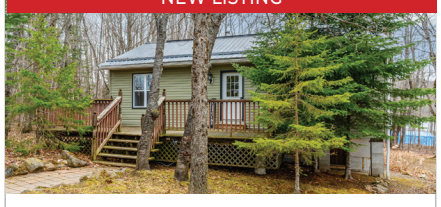

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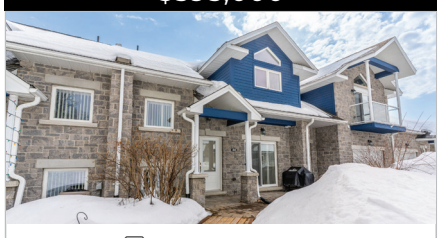

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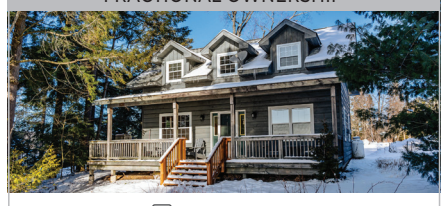

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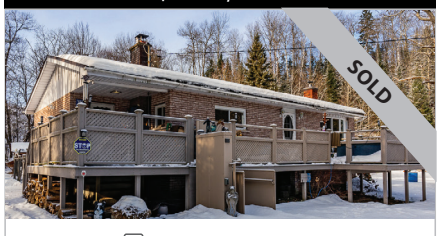

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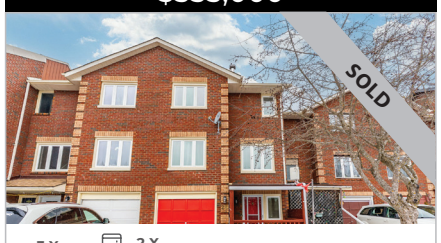

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